

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

14. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

15. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11.05am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Mayor Matt Paterson acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson

Deputy Mayor E. Melky (Chair)

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J. McCabe – Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mrs N. Brennan – Acting Director Corporate Services

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Ms L. Sebastiani – Finance Officer

Ms. L. Dy Irwin – Finance Manager

16. PRAYER

Pastor David Gilmore, Seventh Day Adventist Church

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

18. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the Acting CEO, Joe McCabe.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19.1 Sophie Marriot and Anastasia Byrnes, Todd Mall Traders

Ms Marriot and Ms Byrnes expressed their confusion around the Todd Mall plans and their opposition to a road being installed down the Mall.

Confusion around Todd Mall plans

The Mayor responded that the petition Ms Marriot commenced will be tabled later in the meeting but that Council are only at the tender stage of requesting concept designs.

Discussion ensued.

19.2 Sandy Taylor, Resident

Ms Taylor expressed her sorrow to the young council employee who was rear ended by a vehicle doing high speeds on Telegraph Terrace last week. Ms Taylor went on to ask when the slashing works on Ilparpa Road / Rural Area will re-commence.

Director Technical Services responded that since the accident involving the slasher, works are now behind but Council are looking at hiring / purchasing another piece of equipment.

Ms Taylor asked about the signage installation of Sydney Kinsman Drive at the Garden Cemetery.

Director Technical Services responded that signage is ordered and will be installed in the next month.

Ms Taylor asked the following....."at the last meeting on 24th January, when I asked "Why aren't the Traditional Owners Speaking up?" Mayor Patterson responded, "that's a question for Lhere Artepe." I make the comment that that was a very valid response Mayor, one to which I wholly agree.

As you are all aware, there have been past advisory committees formed by Council as Advisory Committee's, two of these were Lhere Artepe, and Tangentyere. I know that during my own time on Council we had a MOU with Lhere Artepe, which I believe is still in place.

With the exception of a few, most Advisory Committees have failed over all the years, and they have failed for many reasons; notwithstanding a lack of quorum, and a waning of interest because of too many reasons to go into here, some political, and some more of a snub, or more of "mind your own business" to put it politely. Obviously, Council recognised the problems too when you decided to scrap all Advisory Committees; in favour of new community/urban/regional consultation groups.

Aboriginal Affairs are a vast and complex set of circumstances. As pointed out by Owen Cole, Managing Director of Yeperenye, and a representative of the Aboriginal Combined Organisations, he said that they are looking into a whole raft of issues concerning Alice Springs. The Arrernte people are the Traditional Owners of (Mparntwe (Alice Springs), and there can be no argument, that Lhere Artepe (LAAC) are the holders the native title rights of the Central Arrernte people over Alice Springs. (Ref ORIC 30 June, 2014).

I am aware that there is a motion proposed by Councillor Banks for the Establishment of a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee.

With this historical background in mind, and the response given to me at the meeting of 24 January, I say that this is a powerplay by other aggrieved Aboriginals in the town. I respectfully say to Council that we already have enough Aboriginal advisory committees, and enough Aboriginal organisations; that these issues which plague our town, are bigger than Council. You have done your job, throwing the spotlight onto Alice Springs and gaining more funding.

As a ratepayer, and a law-abiding citizen, I ask that Council reject this motion in its entirety."

The Mayor responded that this query will be responded to within the debate scheduled for later in the meeting.

19.3 Andrew Harrison

Andrew Harrison asked about the story published on Facebook by ABC Alice Springs regarding the community football being suspended for Alice Springs for the 2023 season.

The Mayor responded that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 24 January, 2023

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 24 January, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22493)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Coffey asked that the name of the Chair at the start of the meeting be changed to the Deputy Mayor, not Mayor Paterson.
The EA will make the amendment.

21.2.2 Councillor Hopper – MHACA Wall Graffiti

Councillor Hopper asked for an update on the removal of the graffiti on the MHACA external wall.

The Director Technical Services responded that it's sitting with MHACA who are awaiting the contractor.

Discussion ensued around the removal of graffiti and the responsibility of Council vs property owners.

21.2.3 Councillor Hopper – Notice of Motion

Councillor Hopper asked about the request for a Leaders Forum in February that came from the State of Emergency Motion that was presented in January.

Acting CEO responded took this question on notice.

22 MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 21 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22494)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

22.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 2.3 – Mural Unveiling at Centralian Senior College

Councillor Banks asked if the translation was given of what has been included in the mural.

The Mayor does have the translation but will provide it following the meeting.

22.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Correspondence from Minister Lawler

Councillor Hopper asked when the meeting will take place as outlined in the content of the letter.

The Mayor responded that he will formalise a response requesting a meeting.

Councillor Banks asked that this request be progressed.

22.2.3 Councillor Bitar – Activate Alice

Councillor Bitar asked what Activate Alice involves.

The Mayor responded that the group includes a range of community stakeholders who meet to discuss activation of the town.

22.2.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Media Engagements of the Mayor

Deputy Mayor Melky thanked the Mayor for getting the issues out to the wider national reach.

22.2.5 Councillor Banks – Acknowledgement of Matt Digby

Councillor Banks thanked Officers for providing a letter of to the Digby family acknowledgement the work of Matt Digby on the Parks Advisory Committee following his sudden passing.

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 11.39am

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 11.41am

22.2.6 Mayoral Minute (Electoral Boundary Redistribution)

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Alice Springs Town Council provide feedback to the Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Redistribution Committee requesting that a third seat be added for Alice Springs.

CARRIED (22495)

Discussion ensued.

23. ORDERS OF THE DAY

23.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

23.1.1 Councillor Banks – Meeting Room Access

23.1.2 Councillor Banks – CBD Revitalisation

23.1.3 Councillor Banks – LGANT Request for Motions

23.1.4 Councillor Banks – DIPL Works and CBD Road Works

23.1.5 Councillor Hopper – Heat Mitigation

23.1.6 Deputy Mayor Melky – Correspondence from Rob De Castella, Request for Colour Run

23.1.7 Deputy Mayor Melky - \$250million Funding and Accountability Regulator

23.1.8 Deputy Mayor Melky – Removal of 30,000 seats by Qantas

23.1.9 Deputy Mayor Melky – Economic Fightback Plan and Formation of a Business Group / Business Summit

23.1.10 Deputy Mayor Melky – Direct Flights to Yulara and Disadvantage for Alice Springs

23.1.11 Councillor Liddle – Monuments update

23.1.12 Councillor Coffey – Professional Development Allowance (Elected Member Policy)

24. MEMORIALS

Nil

25. PETITIONS

Councillor Coffey presented a petition around the revitalization of the CBD

A petition consisting of approximately 1,000 signatures was tabled by Councillor Coffey in support of a road not being built through Todd Mall (*refer to Attachment A*)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the petition be received and referred to a committee or Officer for consideration and a report presented to Council.

CARRIED (22496)

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

26.1 Councillor Marli Banks – Establishment of a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee (TOCAC)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the Alice Springs Town Council:

- A. Establish a Traditional Owner Cultural Advisory Committee (TOCAC) to provide advice and support regarding matters relating to Council business. The TOCAC will be made up of;**

Mayor (Chair)

Deputy Mayor

Three (3) Elected Members

2 representatives appointed from Mparntwe Estate Group (One Male, One Female)

2 representatives appointed from Antukye Estate Group (One Male, One Female)

2 representatives appointed from Irlpme Estate Group (One Male, One Female);

and allow for further inclusions through a staged consultation process that may include (but not limited to) the Presidents of the Alice Springs Town Camps.

- B. The TOCAC will meet four (4) times a year at an agreed time, that meeting fees will be paid by Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) for all ratified members, and that the ASTC will allow for this through the Annual Budget Process.**

- C. That allocated budget be determined through a report to Council; and**

D. Develop an Indigenous Workforce Strategy in collaboration with the TOCAC within the first 12 months of establishment of the Advisory Committee.

LOST

26.2 Business Arising from the Motion

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.18pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.19pm

Councillor Banks called for a division

DIVISION

Voting in Favour

Councillor Banks

Councillor Hopper

Councillor Morris

Voting Against

Mayor Paterson

Councillor Bitar

Councillor Brown

Deputy Mayor Melky

Councillor Liddle

Councillor Coffey

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the meeting recess for lunch

CARRIED (22497)

The meeting recessed at 12.37pm and resumed at 1.08pm

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the meeting resume

CARRIED (22498)

The Mayor tabled a letter received from Sean Bowden, Chairman AFL Northern Territory and Sam Gibson, Head of AFL Northern Territory dated the 27th February, 2023 re. Community Football (*refer to Attachment B*)

Discussion ensued.

26.3 Councillor Liddle – Community Football in Alice Springs

Moved – Councillor Liddle

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Alice Springs Town Council does not support an annual Community Football Competition to be played in Alice Springs for the 2023 season.

CARRIED (22499)

26.4 Business Arising from the Motion

Discussion ensued.

Director Community Development left the Chamber at 1.42pm

Director Community Development returned to the Chamber at 1.45pm

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 1.48pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 1.50pm

Councillor Banks called for a division

DIVISION

Voting in Favour

Mayor Paterson

Councillor Bitar

Councillor Coffey

Councillor Brown

Deputy Mayor Melky

Councillor Liddle

Voting Against

Councillor Banks

Councillor Morris

27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report
Report No. 18 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

1. **That the report be received and noted.**
2. **That the funds for the budget shortfall of \$113,050 for the Regional Skate Park be taken from the Town Beautification Reserve, and not the Park Redevelopment Reserve (Parks & Playground Reserve) as per Resolution No. 22428.**

CARRIED (22500)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.1 Councillor Coffey – TIO Sponsorship

Councillor Coffey asked about the TIO Sponsorship of \$45k – is this accurate and/or what the funds are for.

Director Corporate Services took the question on notice

27.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Revision Budget

Councillor Hopper asked if the revised budget had been supplied to Elected Members.

The Mayor responded that it was what they received in November.

27.2.3 Councillor Hopper - Capital Expenditure

Councillor Hopper asked about the operational items listed under the Capital Expenditure.

The Finance Officer gave an overview.

27.2.4 Councillor Hopper – EFT Report

Councillor Hopper asked about the energy monitoring item. Is this for equipment install or a one-off project?

Director Technical Services responded that this was for the yearly subscription for the energy monitoring.

27.2.5 Councillor Hopper – Christmas Tree Installation

Councillor Hopper asked about the cost around the Christmas Tree installation.

Director Technical Services responded that it was for the engineering certification which is required each year.

27.2.6 Councillor Banks – Diesel Rebates

Councillor Banks asked about the diesel rebates.

Finance Officer responded that per the ATO, Council can claim fuel tax credits back from the Federal Government for operating large, heavy vehicles.

27.2.7 Councillor Hopper – Interest

The Finance Officer advised that there is a process at year end where interest is allocated or re-allocated.

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report

Report No. 22 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22501)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.1.2.1 Councillor Banks – Advocacy Statement

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

The Mayor responded that he believes work has commenced on this by the previous CEO.

28.1.2.2 Councillor Banks – Bar Brothers

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

Director Technical Services responded that the previous CEO has reached out with a response pending from Bar Brothers.

An update will be provided.

The Mayor advised that he has spoken to some of the members

28.1.2.3 Councillor Banks – Summer Nighttime Sports Program

Councillor Banks asked if groups been approached as to why this didn't happen.

Discussion ensued.

Director Community Development responded that due to the lack of people in town over Summer, this program didn't proceed.

28.1.2.4 Councillor Banks – Leaders Forum

Councillor Banks asked for an update on this as the motion will lapse in February.

Discussion ensued.

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

28.2.1 CEO Related Policies

Report No. 42 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Allowances and Other Benefits Policy (CEO) and the Gifts and Benefits Policy (CEO)

CARRIED (22481)

28.2.2 Privacy Policy

Report No. 43 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.3)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Privacy Policy.

CARRIED (22482)

28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council
Report No. 32 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22502)

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.3.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Abandoned Trolleys

Councillor Hopper congratulated the Ranger Unit on collecting such a large amount of shopping trolleys.

Director Community Development responded that the fines continue to be paid by the supermarkets for the return of the trolleys.

28.3.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Activation Grants

Councillor Hopper asked how many had applied.

Director Community Development responded that 6 have been received with 4 being approved thus far.

28.3.3 Youth Programs Extended SummerSAM Program
Report No. 33 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22503)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Banks asked for information on the outdoor concert.

Director Community Development responded that this is conjunction with International Youth Week with confirmation pending.

28.3.5 Community Development Calendar of Events
Report No. 41 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council notes the Community and Cultural Development Unit's program of events and activities until 30 June 2023.

CARRIED (22504)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

28.3.7 Higher Education Scholarships
Report No. 34 / 23 cncl
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That Council endorse two applications for Higher Education Scholarships to the amount of \$2,500 each to Carol Anne Nungirayi and Molly Teefy.

CARRIED (22483)

28.3.8 Nepalese New Year Sponsorship
Report No. 35 / 23 cncl
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That Council supports the application from Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc to deliver Nepalese New Year on the 15 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).

CARRIED (22484)

28.3.9 International Women's Day Fair Sponsorship
Report No. 37 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.7)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Council supports the application from Women's Museum of Australia to deliver the Equal Futures International Women's Day Fair on 5 March 2023, to the value of the \$1,500 requested (incl. GST)

CARRIED (22485)

28.3.10 Writers Festival Sponsorship
Report No. 38 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.9)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council supports the application from NT Writers' Centre to deliver the NT Writers Festival on the 1-4 June 2023, to the value of the requested \$15,000 (incl. GST).

CARRIED (22486)

Councillor Hopper left Chamber after declaring a Conflict of Interest at 9.43am

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 9.44am

28.3.11 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.3.12 Youth Summit Sponsorship
Report No. 39 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.11)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That Council supports the application from No-one Left Behind to deliver the Alice Springs Youth Conference on 4 April 2023, to the value of the requested \$5,000 (incl. GST).

CARRIED (22487)

28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Technical Services Update to Council
Report No. 23 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22505)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.4.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Recycled Water

Councillor Hopper asked if there is anything that the Elected Members can assist with.

Director Technical Services responded that it will be progressed to CEO level.

28.4.2.2 Councillor Banks – Greening Strategy

Councillor Banks asked for an update. Does this need to be re-submitted?

Director Technical Services responded that yes, it will need to be redone.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 2.15pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 2.18pm

28.4.2.3 Councillor Banks – Madigan Park

Councillor Banks asked for an update.

Director Technical Services responded that it's progressing. An application needs to be submitted around change of use in the first instance.

Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 2.20pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 2.21pm

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 2.26pm

Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 2.30pm

28.4.2.4 Councillor Hopper – ASALC Concept Design

Councillor Hopper asked if the concept design will come to Council for consult.

Director Technical Services responded that it will.

28.4.2.5 Councillor Bitar – Tracking of Projects

Councillor Bitar asked about the tracking of projects.

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

28.4.2.6 Councillor Coffey – Vandalism Data

Councillor Coffey asked about the data on vandalism.

Director Technical Services responded that up until now, the data has not been gathered due to staff shortages. Hoping to be resumed soon.

28.4.2.7 Councillor Coffey – NeatStreets

Councillor Coffey commented that the number of reports to NeatStreets has increased

Director Technical Services responded that he believes due to the discussion through SORT etc, residents are aware of its existence so are utilising it.

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 2.29pm

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 2.40pm

28.4.3 Fire Services Report

Report No. 24 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

- 1. That Triple3 be awarded the three-year contract.**
- 2. That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Triple3 fire and electrical contracting for the sum of \$22,496.00.**
- 3. That the decision in regards to the repairs and maintenance of Council's fire protection equipment at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.**

CARRIED (22488)

Councillor Brown left the Chamber after declaring a Conflict of Interest at 9.49am

Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 9.50am

28.4.4 Provision of Pest Control Services, Maintenance & Treatment
Report No. 25 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

1. **That Centre Pest Management be awarded the three-year contract.**
2. **That the three-year period contract Tender be awarded to Centre Pest Management for the sum of \$99,000.00**
3. **That the decision in regards to the provision of pest control services at all facilities be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the contract to be awarded.**

CARRIED (22489)

28.4.5 Netball Masterplan
Report No. 28 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.9)

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council engage Sue Dugdale and Associates to complete the Netball Centre Masterplan.

CARRIED (22510)

28.4.6 Parks Shade Structures
Report No. 29 / 23 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.11)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council approve the shade structure to be installed at Poeppel Park, Gillen.

CARRIED (22511)

28.4.7 Dog Off-Leash Fence Installation

Report No. 30 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.13)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. **Installation of a low fence between Netball Courts and Ross Park Primary School (refer to Attachment A and Attachment B); and**
2. **Adjust the off-leash hours at Ross Park.**

CARRIED (22512)

28.4.8 RWMF Liquid Waste Ponds

Report No. 31 / 23 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.15)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

1. **That Council approve \$568,000 from Regional Waste Management Facility Capital account, GL 176.12.205, to fund removal of liquid waste in the RWMF liquid waste ponds for the remainder of 22/23 Financial Year and for Officers to go out to tender for the liquid waste removal.**
2. **That Council note that funding will be required in 23/24 Financial Year to maintain the RWMF liquid waste ponds.**

CARRIED (22513)

29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

29.3.1 Councillor Bitar – Skate Park

Councillor Bitar asked about the decommissioned water fountain

Director Technical Services responded that it was often being vandalized so the one inside ASALC has been made available with signage to be installed indicating this.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 2.33pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber 2.36pm

30 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Brown left the Chamber at 2.38pm

Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 2.39pm

30.1 Councillor Hopper – Heat Mitigation

Councillor Hopper asked how this fits with other groups in the NT doing this work, especially Alice Springs. Can Council align with these other groups?

Director Technical Services responded that he's not aware of any projects etc. that the Northern Territory Government have underway.

Director Technical Services will write to the Northern Territory Government.

30.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Correspondence from Rob De Castella, Request for Colour Run

Deputy Mayor Melky tabled correspondence received from Mr De Castella from the Indigenous Marathon Foundation requesting assistance with a "Return to Community" and Colour Fun/Run Walk (*refer to Attachment C*)

This will be managed at an Operational level.

Councillor Coffey left the Chamber at 2.43pm

Councillor Coffey returned to the Chamber at 2.45pm

30.3 Deputy Mayor Melky - \$250million Funding and Accountability Regulator

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns around the organisations receiving funding not being held accountable, especially the youth services and asked for a regulatory body be established.

Discussion ensued.

30.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Economic Fightback Plan and Formation of a Business Group / Business Summit

The Deputy Mayor suggested that a group be created to encourage investment and positive opportunities within Alice Springs.

The Mayor asked that Deputy Mayor Melky provide something to the March meeting.

30.5 Deputy Mayor Melky – Removal of 30,000 seats by Qantas for Alice Springs and Yulara

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns about the removal of the 30,000 seats by Qantas and asked that a competitor(s) be introduced and work with other locations / tourism destinations to implement competition.

The Mayor responded that it's a disappointing move by Qantas and he intends to contact Rex and Bonza to introduce competition. The TCA CEO is continuing talks with Qantas to advocate for the community.

Discussion ensued.

30.6 Deputy Mayor Melky – Direct Flights to Yulara and Disadvantage for Alice Springs

Deputy Mayor Melky raised concerns regarding the availability of direct flights to Yulara that are being diverted from Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued.

30.7 Councillor Banks – Meeting Room Access

Councillor Banks requested a report by Officers on the use of the Chamber, Arunta Room, Reception and Andy McNeill by Elected Members. Also, the implementation of a booking system (if not already available).

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council Officers provide a report around Elected Member access to meeting rooms.

CARRIED (22506)

Councillor Bitar left the Chamber at 3.03pm

Councillor Bitar returned to the Chamber at 3.04pm

30.8 Councillor Banks – CBD Revitalisation

Councillor Banks referred to the October 2017 Council Meeting and Report No. 4263-TS, Resolution No. 19345 and asked for a report presented combining all the reports around this subject (Strategic Plan vs Masterplan)

Discussion ensued.

30.9 Councillor Banks – DIPL Works and CBD Road Works

Councillor Banks asked who is responsible for the current street works, especially the temporary crossings and traffic management.

Director Technical Services responded that a meeting is scheduled with DIPL. The initial understanding is that it would be carried out street by street but this hasn't happened.

Discussion ensued.

30.10 Councillor Banks – LGANT Request for Motions

Councillor Banks asked that the CEO review the motion that she provided following the call for motion(s) by LGANT in preparation for their AGM in April. Discussion ensued.

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That Alice Springs Town Council write to the Department of Local Government to seek advice on the NTG Public Sector Employment Instruction No. 12 - Code of Conduct.

CARRIED (22507)

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 3.32pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 3.36pm

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 3.36pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 3.38pm

30.11 Councillor Liddle – Monuments update

Councillor Liddle asked for an update on the monuments.

Director Community Development responded that an EOI has been distributed and closes early March.

30.12 Councillor Coffey – Professional Development Allowance (Elected Member Policy)

Councillor Coffey tabled a report to Council following his attendance at the Company Directors Course in late 2022 (*refer to Attachment D*)

30.13 Mayor Paterson – Licensed Premises

Mayor Paterson raised his concern and disappointment around the treatment of licensed premises in Alice Springs compared to Darwin under the same Liquor Act, specifically section 258. Behaviour that is considered acceptable in Darwin is being punished in Alice Springs.

31 MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

32 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 March, 2023

33 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at **3.40pm** to resume in the Confidential section.

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

The Council stands adjourned.

CARRIED (22508)

Confirmed on 06.12.2023

CHAIRPERSON



Date _____